



# WAVU NEWS

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## Online Berthing Application System pilot scheme a success

Before going live with the Berthing Application System (BAS) for local vessels, Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) successfully conducted a pilot scheme, 23rd July to 30th September, at the Mua-i-Walu I and Mua-i-Walu II wharves in Suva, with five stakeholders at each wharf taking part.

The system, which was created by the FPCL ICT Team, has been introduced to make berthing applications easier for our customers. Now, the vessel owners can submit berthing applications while on the go, and receive email updates and the progress and /or status of their applications. Customers no longer have to fill in paper-based application forms and physically travel to lodge these.

The whole application has been built to cater for all local and international vessels, with the roll-out taking place in phases. Going live at Mua-i-Walu I and II next month (October) will be followed by



*The Berthing Application System was successfully piloted at the Mua-i-Walu I and (above) Mua-i-Walu II wharves.*

pilot schemes at Levuka and Lautoka local wharves, with pilot schemes planned for FPCL's international Ports of Entry at later dates.

The new system provides FPCL's customers with advantages that include: having automatic electronic records of their applications; the ability to voice their concerns on the "Feedback" module; free of charge use of the application; User support

on the platform, and it saves time and resources.

The Berthing Application System is also in line with the FPCL Go-Green and Smart Port initiative, in support of the FPCL vision, to work smarter by harnessing technology wherever possible.

It also promotes increased digitisation and provides the means for continuous improvement through further analysis and reporting.

It increases efficiency by saving resources, time and money, and is environmentally friendly. It lays the platform for the conversion of other manual operational processes to be optimised and digitised, some of which have already been identified in the form of additional features or new projects that could possibly further empower our customers and provide opportunities for FPCL.



*The Berthing Application System will be piloted at later dates, to be confirmed, at the Suva international Port of Entry (left) and the Lautoka international Port of Entry (right).*



# World Maritime Day celebrated in Fiji



*Invited guests at the World Maritime Day celebration at Denarau.*



*FPCL Lautoka staff also attended.*

With the theme, Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet, World Maritime Day, [24th September] was celebrated at Denarau, where FPCL CEO, Mr Vajira Piyasena was an invited guest.

On the global stage, International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Secretary-General, Kitack Kim, delivered a message to the international maritime industry,

saying that the COVID-19 global pandemic has demonstrated the importance of shipping as the most reliable and cost effective method of transporting goods internationally, and that shipping remains the leading facilitator of the global economy, carrying more than 80% of global trade.

"Therefore, shipping and maritime will be at the heart of the economic recovery

and future sustainable growth far into the future, both at sea and ashore, supporting an inclusive and resilient economy to underpin the achievement of sustainable development goals. Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet, our theme for 2020, couldn't be more relevant now and for years to come," said Secretary-General Kim.



*SSC members meet regularly with stakeholders.*

## Review of Ports' Safety & Security measures

The Ports' Safety & Security Committee recently met with all relevant stakeholders to discuss port security functions and operations, as described within the Maritime (ISPS) Regulation 2014. ISPS refers to the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

Topics discussed included: common threats within the maritime industry; dangerous goods and products that could be used in illegal activities, including terrorism, the Port Security Plan and other appropriate security measures.

The committee meets regularly, to ensure that all stakeholders continue to be updated on issues related to upholding the ISPS code.

## MOU signed by FSHIL and CATD

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed 10th September by Fiji Ships & Heavy Industries Limited (FSHIL) and the Centre for Appropriate Technology Development (CATD), provides a 'win-win' situation that will benefit both parties. CATD is a training centre located in Nadave, Bau, Tailevu.

FSHIL will have additional workers to help progress the work programme, and the CATD trainees will gain more knowledge and work-site experience during their job placement at FSHIL.

FSHIL is able to offer the CATD trainees training and experience that is relevant to their Trade courses in Welding & Fabrication, Plumbing & Sheet Metal, Carpentry & Joinery and Automotive Engineering.

At the signing, CATD Director, Mr Naipote Kotanitabua, thanked FSHIL on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of CATD Governors, trainers, trainees and staff, saying this programme was a major milestone achievement, and he anticipates further collaboration with FSHIL in the near future.



*Hands-on work experience for a CATD student after the MOU signing.*



# CPUs donated to Kadavu schools



FPCL staff and principals of the Kadavu schools at the handing over of the CPUs.



Some of the donated CPUs.

FPCL has donated a total of 14 refurbished Central Processing Units (CPUs) to the Richmond Methodist High School and the Kadavu Provincial Secondary School.

The CPUs will enable the rural-maritime schools to offer Office Technology to

Years 9 to 13 and Computer Studies to Years 11 to 13 students, thus overcoming challenges the schools have previously faced in offering these courses.

While FPCL was in the process of upgrading laptops to facilitate staff working

from home if need be, the decision was made to donate the equipment that was being replaced. Following reports of damage to schools in the Eastern Division during Cyclone Harold earlier this year, FPCL contacted the Divisional Education Officer

Eastern to recommend schools to benefit from the proposed donations.

As a result of this initiative, FPCL is positively impacting the learning and teaching across all subjects and programmes at the two schools.



AFSHIL staff member carefully supervises a CATD student in the workshop.

## Industrial attachment for CATD students

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought opportunities to the lives of Welding & Fabrication students attending the Centre for Appropriate Technological Development (CATD), Nadave, Tailevu, when its Director signed an MOU with Fiji Ships & Heavy Industries Limited (FSHIL), which is a 100% owned subsidiary of FPCL. (See MOU signing story Page 2.)

The first cohort of CATD Welding & Fabrication students were introduced to work-site welding and fabrication works by assisting FSHIL's trades people in the completion of Phase 1 of the rehabilitation work on the 500 tonne slipway.

The second group of CATD students have assisted by servicing FSHIL's 40 PSI high pressure pump, the generators and the genie booms.

## Fiji and HMNZS Otago in joint patrols against IUU

HMNZS Otago, a protector-class, offshore patrol vessel, was at the Port of Suva for refueling, in July.

The officers and crew of HMNZS Otago observed Fiji's COVID-19 health protocols, and no naval personnel disembarked from the vessel.

The Republic of Fiji Navy conducted joint patrols with HMNZS Otago, an initiative to target the protection of food security by enforcing fishing regulations and deterring illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing boats in Fiji's waters.

IUU fishing activities are a

major concern for Maritime nations like Fiji, as they do not comply with national, regional, or global fisheries conservation and management obligations, and can have a major economic impact.

This impact can include loss of revenue from landing fees, licences and taxes, all of which are paid by legal fishing operators. There is also the loss of the value of the illegal catch as income for legitimate fishing companies. Indirectly, related industries can also be affected by IUU activities, with loss of employment possibilities and income.



HMNZS Otago at Kings Wharf in Suva.



## Kings Wharf fire drill



Connecting the hoses.



Putting out the simulated fire.

FPCL stakeholders within the Kings Wharf boundary took part in the fire drill, held 2nd October, with the National Fire Authority of Fiji participating in the exercise.

Fire drills and Fire Warden trainings are held on a regular basis to ensure that all stakeholders and Fire Wardens remain up-to-date with their fire safety knowledge, skills and responsibilities.

## 15 years celebrated



1. FPCL CEO, Mr Vajira Piyasena, farewells Mr Seruveveli Rokobati. 2. A special plaque for Seru. 3. Warm wishes for the future from Seru's colleagues.

FPCL CEO, Mr Vajira Piyasena, presented long-serving Support staff, Mr Seruveveli Rokobati, with a special plaque to acknowledge his 15 years of committed service to the Company before taking his retirement in September this year. His colleagues also marked the occasion with a farewell celebration.

## Fathers' Day at FPCL



Fathers working at FPCL took time out to celebrate their special day with a cake and afternoon tea. Taking time to acknowledge special days and celebrations not only gives staff a break from their busy work schedules, it creates an opportunity for informal discussions and fosters a collaborative spirit.



FPCL Dads cut the cake.



FPCL staff supported the Blood Drive.

FPCL encourages its staff to take part in worthy activities that benefit the wider community. On 16 July FPCL staff donated blood at the Ministry of Health & Medical Services' mobile Blood Drive vehicle when it visited Walu Bay.

In order to participate in this initiative, volunteers had to be well; be aged between 16 to 65 years of age; weigh more than 50kg; be medication and alcohol-free for 24 hours prior to donating blood, and have eaten a meal before hand.